

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | |) | |
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| | | : | Examiner: Timothy J. Henn |
| Yasuyuki OGAWA | |) | |
| | | : | Group Art Unit: 2612 |
| Application No.: 09/542,343 | |) | |
| Filed: April 5, 2000 | | : | |
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| For: | IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| | APPARATUS WITH SEPARATE | : | |
| | DISPLAY FOR DISPLAYING |) | |
| | SYSTEM STATUS, ITS CONTRO | L: | |
| | METHOD, AND RECORDING | : | |
| | MEDIUM (AS AMENDED) |) | January 4, 2006 |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone interviews conducted on December 13, 2005.

In the interview, the Anderson, et al. and Nakaya, et al. references were discussed with respect to the feature that when the power supply capacity becomes smaller than a predetermined capacity, electric power to be supplied to the display is reduced and the separate display unit is used to indicate the state of the executed process. The Examiner agreed that power usage of

Anderson, et al.'s input/output device LCD is eliminated just prior to a power shut down sequence at the lowest power state but took the position that Anderson et al. teaches multiple power states and that the Anderson, et al. input/output device LCD operates to indicate operation status during the other reduced level power states. The Examiner noted that the Anderson, et al. reference would be overcome, if the claims were amended so that the separate display unit is turned on only at a time when the power level is below the threshold.

Applicant's attorney, Daniel S. Glueck, may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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